

USA Judo Promotion Recommendation Procedures

1. FOR ALL DAN RANKS:

All promotion recommendations and applications for USA Dan rank certificates must initially be processed through the applicant's State member organization's Promotion Committee according to its established procedures. Applications sent directly to the USA Judo Central office will be forwarded to the State Promotion Committee for review.

II. FOR PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS TO DAN RANKS WITHIN THE MAXIMUM RANK PROMOTION AUTHORIZED FOR A STATE ORGANIZATION'S PROMOTION COMMITTEE:

The following forms are to be sent to the USA Judo National Office:

- A. One Recommendation for USA Judo Dan Promotion form, with a passport size photo of the individual being promoted.
- B. One List of candidate names with each candidate's valid current USA Judo membership number
- C. One copy of the Individual Recommendation for Promotion form endorsed by the Chairperson of the State Promotion Committee.
- D. The appropriate fees should be remitted by check or money order made payable to USA Judo.

Remarks: Upon receipt and review the National Office will mail to the individual the promotion certificate along with a new USA Judo membership card verifying the rank. The state promotion chairperson will receive a letter indicating the name and to what rank the member was promoted.

III. FOR PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS TO DAN RANK HIGHER THAN RANK AUTHORIZED FOR A STATE MEMBER ORGANIZATION'S PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

The following USA Judo forms and other relevant materials are to be sent to the National Office postmarked at least 45 days prior to the next scheduled national meeting.

- A. One complete copy of the Recommendation for USA Judo Dan Promotion with a passport size photo of the individual being promoted and including the signatures of all members of the State member organization's Promotion Committee.

B. One copy of the List of Candidates' Names with each individual's valid current USA Judo membership registration number.

C. 1 copy of the Recommendation for Promotion Individual form for each candidate endorsed by the Chairperson of the State organization's Promotion Committee.

D. 1 copy of each page of any materials relevant to the recommendations, e.g., letters of recommendation, copies of awards, etc., for each candidate.

E. Appropriate fees, to be submitted with the above items in the form of a check or money order made payable to USA Judo. The fee for any candidate whose promotion request is denied will be retained in the USA treasury and credited toward the applicant's future promotion.

THE CURRENT USA JUDO INDIVIDUAL PROMOTION FEES ARE:

RANK	FEE
Shodan	\$150
Nidan	\$175
Sandan	\$200
Yondan	\$225
Godan	\$250
Rokudan	\$275
Shichidan	\$300
Hachidan	\$325

F. 1 copy of each applicant's current Dan Rank Certificate issued by an IJF recognized organization or a USA Judo recognized organization.

Note: Any candidate whose promotion is denied will receive a letter of rejection which serves as a proof that the candidate's fee is being held in credit toward future promotion applications.

G. The basic guidelines for USA Judo Promotion requirements are attached.

IV. FOR CLUBS WITHOUT A STATE GOVERNING BODY

Should a USA Judo registered club not be represented by a State (Group B) organization, they may either make arrangements with a nearby state organization or apply directly to USA Judo for consideration by the USA Judo National Promotion Board.

**Special Instructions:
USA Judo's Dan Rank Promotion Form:**

The recommendation for USA Judo Dan Promotion form contains a checklist of the required materials. It is extremely important:

- That members of the state organization's promotion committee sign the form.
- That the chairperson of the state organization's promotion committee check that all requirements are fulfilled.
- That the fees are accurately calculated and included and that all the items requested on each form have been thoroughly completed. Absence of any required information or item may jeopardize an applicant's promotion.

List of candidates' Names:

All information for this form must be typed or printed clearly and accurately since the Dan Rank Certificate is based on the information provided on this form.

Preparations for Promotion (Individual Record):

- a. All information for this form must be typed or printed clearly and accurately.
- b. The section for promotion history must be complete and accurate from the rank of Ikkyu on up.
- c. For the section on Major Shiai Record, simply saying, for example: 1st place in Am-Can is not adequate. Each applicant must identify the names and rank of each opponent, and the result of each match. The results of intra-club or interclub contests will not be credited - do not list them. The contest must be a USA Judo sanctioned event.
- d. Contest winning points are credited as follows:

Randori-Contest:

- 2.0 pts. Winning against an opponent more than two ranks higher
- 1.5 Winning against an opponent one rank higher
- 1.0 Winning against an opponent of the same rank
- 0.5 Winning against an opponent one rank lower
- 0.1 Winning against an opponent two ranks lower
- 0.0 Winning against an opponent three or more ranks lower

Kata-Contest

- 0.5 pts. First place (National, Regional)
- 0.3 pts. Second Place (National, Regional)
- 0.1 pts. Third Place (National, Regional)

- e. Do not write anything in the section for USA Judo endorsement.
- f. The chairperson of the Promotion Committee for the State member organization must personally provide endorsement in the section for endorsement.
- g. A passport size photograph of the candidate must be included.

Promotion Fees:

All materials and promotions fees payable to USA Judo must be securely packaged and submitted by the chairperson of the State member organization's Promotion Committee. Materials which arrive with postage due will not be accepted.

V. TO OBTAIN USA JUDO CERTIFICATES BASED UPON GROUP A PROMOTIONS

- A. The applicant must be a currently registered member of USA Judo.
- B. The applicant must meet USA Judo requirements.
- C. For each application, the chairperson of the State promotion committee must send to the USA Judo National Office:
 - a. One copy of the Application for USA Judo Duplicate Rank Certificate
 - b. A photocopy of the applicant's current Dan rank certificate issued by a USA Judo Group A organization
 - c. The fee schedule is the same as the USA Judo promotion fee schedule. A check or money order payable to USA Judo must be attached to the application form.
 - d. A copy of the application for promotion originally submitted to the Group A organization.

VI. TO OBTAIN AN IJF DAN RANK CERTIFICATE:

- A. The applicant must be a currently registered member of USA Judo.
- B. The chairperson of the State organization's promotion committee must send to the USA Judo National Office:
 - a) 1 copy of the application for IJF Dan rank certificate
 - b). Photocopy of the applicant's current USA Judo Dan Rank Certificate. (NO OTHER DAN RANK CERTIFICATE IS ACCEPTABLE.)
- C. The current fee for obtaining an IJF Dan Rank Certificate is \$70. A check or money order payable to USA Judo should be attached to the application form.
- D. An applicant's receipt of the IJF Dan Rank Certificate may be delayed by several months, because the applications go from the State to USA Judo National Office to the PJU and finally to the IJF and are usually processed only once every four to six months.

**IV. CURRENT CHAIRPERSON OF THE USA JUDO RANK
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:**

Mr. James J. Colgan

**V. MAIL ALL FORMS AND FEES FROM STATE
PROMOTION CHAIRPERSON TO:**

**USA JUDO
ONE OLYMPIC PLAZA, SUITE 505
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80909
719-866-4730**

**Guideline for Promotion Requirements:
USA Judo**

Chart: minimum time in Grade and Age

Rank	Non-competitor	Competitor				Min. Age
		5 Pts.	10 Pts.	15 Pts.	20 Pts.	
Shodan	3 years	2 yrs	1 yr	9 mos	6 mos	15 years
Nidan	4 years	3	2	1 yr	6 mos.	16 years
Sandan	6	4	3	1.5	1 yr.	18 years
Yondan	8	5	3	2	1	21 years
Godan	10	6	4	2	1.5	26 years
Rokudan	15	12	9	7	5	32 years
Shichidan	18	15	12	9	6	42 years
Hachidan	21	18	15	12	9	55 years

Guideline for Minimum Requirements:

Shodan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and interest,
- c) minimum knowledge and skills in both randori and nagekomi practice,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower-rank requirements and in contest record,
- e) proficient in the first 9 techniques of nage-no-kata for both men and women or Jushiki (10 of 15 Ju-no-kata) for women.

Nidan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and interest,
- c) minimum knowledge and skills in both randori and nagekomi practice,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower-rank requirements and in contest record,
- e) proficient in all nage-no-kata for both men and women or all Ju-no-kata for women.

Sandan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and involvement in Judo,
- c) minimum knowledge and skills in both randori and nagekomi practice,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower-rank requirements and in contest record,
- e) proficient in Nage-o-kata or Ju-no-kata and Katame-no-kata.

Yondan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and involvement in Judo,
- c) minimum knowledge and skills in both randori and nagekomi practice,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower rank requirements and in contest record,
- e) non competetors must have a minimum regional referee license,
- f) proficient in Nage-no-kata or Ju-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, and Kime-no-kata or Kodokan Goshin-jitsu.

Godan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and involvement in Judo,
- c) minimum knowledge and skills in both randori and nagekomi practice,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower-rank requirements and in contest record,]
- e) good understanding of and skills in teaching Judo, must have USJI National Teachers or Coaching certificate
- f) good proficiency in Nage-no-kata, Ju-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, and Kime-no-kata or Kodokan Goshin-jitsu.

Rokudan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and involvement in Judo,
- c) minimum knowledge and skills in teaching randori, nagekomi and kata,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower-rank requirements,
- e) good understanding of and skills in coaching randori and shiai techniques,
- f) substantial contributions to Judo,
- g) superior proficiency in Nage-no-kata, Ju-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, Kime-no-kata, and Kodokan Goshin jitsu.

Shichidan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and involvement in Judo,
- c) superior knowledge and skills in teaching randori, nagekomi and kata,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower-rank requirements,
- e) superior understanding of and skills in coaching randori and shiai strategies,
- f) substantial contributions to Judo and to society,
- g) excellent proficiency in Nage-no-kata, Ju-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, Kime-no-kata, Kodokan Goshin-jitsu, and either Itsutsu-no-kata, or Koshiki-no-kata.

Hachidan: Candidates must demonstrate:

- a) unquestioned moral character and maturity,
- b) continued practice and involvement in Judo,
- c) excellent knowledge and skills in teaching randori, nagekomi and kata,
- d) increased proficiency in all lower-rank requirements,
- e) mastery of the principles and philosophy of Judo,
- f) major levels of contribution to Judo organizations,
- g) substantial contribution to Judo and to society,
- h) excellent knowledge and skills in Nage-no-kata, Ju-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, Kimeno-kata, Kodokan Goshin-jitsu, Itsutsu-no-kata, and Koshiki-no-kata.